

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1948.

MR. MAYOR, AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg herewith to present the Sixty-Sixth Annual Report on the Sanitary Conditions of Abergavenny, which is based on the Ministry of Health Circular (Wales) 3 / 49.

STATISTICS.	1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Area (in Acres)	2,398	2,398	2,398	2,398	2,398.
Population (estimated)	7,935	8,275	8,439	8,427	8,532.
Inhabited Houses (according to Rate Books.	2,366	2,314	2,310	2,388	2,455.
Rateable Value	£49,304	£51,222	£ 51,395	£ 51,658	£ 53,023.
1d. Rate	£ 188	£ 198	£ 201	£ 202	£ 203.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	1948. Total.	M.	F.		1948. Borough & County.
<u>Live Births -</u>					
Legitimate	138.	63.	75.)	Birthrate per 1,000 of estimated resident population.	17.1 19.2
Illegitimate	8.	4.	4.)		
Total.	146.	67.	79.)		
<u>Still Births -</u>					
Legitimate	2.	-	2.)	Rate per 1,000 total (Live & Stillbirths)	26.7
Illegitimate	2.	2.	-.)	Births	0.5 0.51
Total	4.	2.	2.)	Rate per 1,000 population	
<u>Deaths -</u>					
All causes	138.	69.	69.)	Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population.	16.2 11.1
<u>Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-</u>					
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	)		Rate per 1,000 births (Live and Stillborn).	Nil 0.33
Other Puerperal Causes. . . .	Nil	)			Nil 1.3
Total	Nil			Total	Nil 1.9
<u>Death Rate of Infants under one year of age -</u>					
All Infants per 1,000 Live Births					41.1 43.7
Legitimate " Legitimate Live Births					44.2 -
Illegitimate " Illegitimate " "					Nil -

Deaths from Cancer - all ages M 10. F 20. Total 30.
Average age 63

Measles Nil.
Whooping Cough Nil.
Diarrhoea, under 2 years of age 1.
Children under 1 year . Total 6. Legitimate 5
Illegitimate 1

Tuberculosis Pulmonary M 2. F. -
Non Pulmonary Nil
Total 2.

Ages of Deaths of Children under one year of age -

Under 1 week	...	...	1)	
1 to 2 weeks	...	...	2)	3.
2 to 3 "	...	...	- )
3 to 4 "	...	...	- )
1 to 3 months	...	...	1)	
3 to 6 "	...	...	2)	3
6 to 9 "	...	...	- )
9 to 12 "	...	...	- )
Total under 1 year				6.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Populations.</u>	<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Birth Rate.</u>
1931 ...	8490 (Estimated)			
	8608 (Census)	137	119	16.10
1938 ...	7925 (New Borough)	115	108	14.50
1939 ...	7832 "	118	144	15.10
1940 ...	8407 "	122	149	14.50
1941 ...	8769 "	130	135	14.60
1942 ...	8468 "	134	113	18.80
1943 ...	8174 "	127	122	15.56
1944 ...	7931 "	139	104	17.50
1945 ...	8275 "	141	120	17.0
1946 ...	8439 "	147	110	17.5
1947 ...	8427 "	152	115	18.0
1948 ...	8532 "	146	138	17.1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever.	During the whole year 11 cases were notified.
Whooping Cough.	Nil.
Measles.	Nil.
Corobro-Spinal Meningitis.	Nil.
Erysipelas.	Nil.
Infantile Paralysis.	One case , a male was notified.
Diphtheria.	4 cases .

Immunisation has been encouraged in all possible ways.

Number immunised	Age 1 -5.	80.
	Age 5 - 15.	8.
	Total,	88.

Other children had Refresher Injections.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notified :Pulmonary	Male 2.	F.2	Non-Pulmonary	M -F -
Deaths:	"	" 2,	F -	" M -F -

INFLUENZA. No severe epidemic Death 1.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE. (other than Tuberculosis) CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE GROUPS.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Age</u> <u>0-5.</u>	<u>Age</u> <u>5 -10</u>	<u>Age</u> <u>10 -15</u>	<u>Age</u> <u>15 -25.</u>	<u>Over</u> <u>25</u>	<u>Treated</u> <u>Hospital</u>
Diphtheria.	4	1	2	-	2	2	4
Scarlet Fever.	11	1	7	2	1	1	11
C.S.Meningitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.(Para B)...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infantile Paralysis.	1	-	-	-	-	1	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

Now cases and Mortality during 1948.

<u>AGE.</u>	<u>Now Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0 -4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 -14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 -19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 -29	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 -39	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
40 -49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50 -59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 -69	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
70 -79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	2.	2.	-	-	2.	-	-	-

WATER.

The Water is maintained in a pure state by chlorination.
8 samples of treated water were taken for bacteriological examination.
All bacteriological samples were found to be satisfactory.

HOUSING.

40 New permanent houses were completed on the Pitts' Nursery Site, which makes a total of 74 houses.

The Llwynn Farm Estate was prepared for the erection of further traditional houses.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	1202
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	1231
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which are inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulation, 1925.)	...	...	...	914
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	923
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...			2
(4)		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	80

REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequences of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 31

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

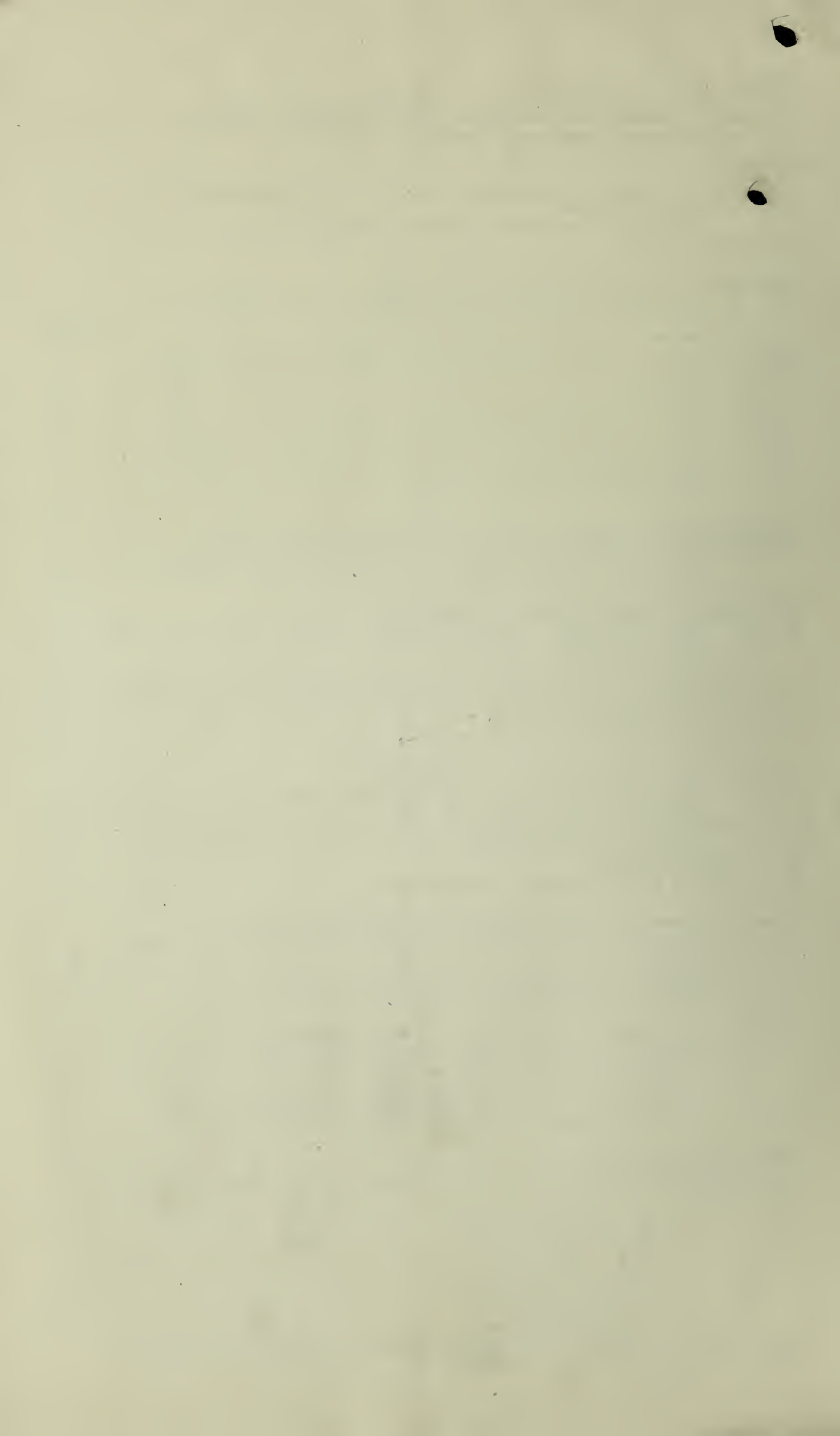
(a)	Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:					
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	2
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	...	...	...	...	2
(a)	By Owners	...	...	...	...	2
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners.	...	...	...	...	nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:					
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	80
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	...	...	...	...	31
(a)	By Owners	...	...	...	...	31
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners.	...	...	...	...	nil
(c)	Proceedings under section 11 of the Housing Act, 1930:					
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	...	...	...	...	nil
(d)	Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1930:					
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit	...	...	...	...	Nil

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

The following table shows the Inspector's work regarding the eradication of bed bugs.

(a)	Number of Council Houses:					
(1)	Found infested	...	...	...	...	5
(11)	Disinfested	...	...	...	...	5
	Number of other Houses:					
(1)	Found infested	...	...	...	...	4
(11)	Disinfested	...	...	...	...	4

These houses were visited either in normal house-to-house inspections or as a result of complaints from the tenant.



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS.

MILK SUPPLY:

6 visits have been made to Cowsheds and Dairies. 16 samples of milk taken and 7 were found unsatisfactory. The Matter was taken up with the retailer and producer, and was also referred to the responsible Authority.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS :-

The following tables showing the number of animals killed, particulars of meat condemnations and incidence of disease.

Number Killed :

Cattle	647.	Calves.	543.	Sheep & Lambs.	6342.	Pigs.	1543.
Number Inspected, "	647.	"	543.	"	6342.	"	1543.
Total inspected - 9075.							

All Diseases except Tuberculosis :

Whole carcasses condemned -

Cattle	6.	Calves	4.	Sheep & Lambs	34.	Pigs	3.
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Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned -

Cattle	250.	Calves	3.	Sheep & Lambs	1,265.	Pigs	48.
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Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis - 13.4%

Tuberculosis only :

Whole carcasses condemned -

Cattle	9.	Calves	-	Sheep & Lambs.	-	Pigs	2.
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Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned.-

Cattle	83.	Calves	4.	Sheep & Lambs	-	Pigs	22.
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Percentage of the number of animals killed affected with Tuberculosis - 0.5%

Percentage of the number of cattle killed affected with Tuberculosis - 14.06%

OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED WERE AS FOLLOWS.

19 Tins Nestles Milk., 66 Tins Evaporated Milk., 1 Tin Cow & Gate Milk., 7 Tins Peas.,
2 Tins Gooseberries., 81 Tins Peaches., 16 Bottles Fruits., 61 Tins Fruit., 10 Tins Jam.,
30 Tins Marmalade., 2 Tins Marmalade Pudding., 8 Tins Fruit Salad., 10 Tins Malted Food.,
3½ lbs Dried Peaches., 2 Tins Chocolate Food., 25 Tins Fish., 7 lb Farinea Cereal.,
59 Soya Cream., 1 Tin Steak & Kidney Pudding., 1 Tin Spaghetti., 14 Tins C.C. Beef.,
38 Tins Beef & Carrots., 2 cwt. Sausage Rusk., 47 lbs Sausage., 8 Tins Veal Loaf.,
2 Tins Sausage., 3 Tins Jollied Veal., 1 Tin Chopped Ham., 6 Tins Galantine Roll.,
9 Tins Danish Pork., 2 Tins Potted Meat., 5 Tins Minced Beef Cereal., 2 Tins Roast Beef
9 Tins Luncheon Meat., 7 Tins Stewed Steak., 5 Tins Syrup., 15½ stone Cod & Ling Fillet.
481 lbs Hake., 2½ stone Haddock., 14 stone Herrings., 3 stone Mergins., 55 Tins Mussels.
23 Tins Tomatoes., 29½ lbs Prunes., 21 Tins Tomato Juice., 10 Tins Orange Juice.,
2 Tins Fruit Cocktail., 4 Tins Grapefruit Juice., 19 Tins Carrots., 45 tins Peas.,
13 Tins Beans & Tomato., 7 Tins Mixed Vegetables., 67 Tins Beetroot., 9½ lbs Butter.,
10½ lbs Cheese., 10 Tins Bacon., 186½ lbs Bacon., 12½ lbs Ham., 3½ lbs Sugar., 68 Eggs.,
260 Dossicated Coconut., 48 lbs Black Puddings., 37 lbs Sweet Mixtures., 2 Tins Biscuits.
14 Packets Bisto., 3 Tins Sweet Milk Powder., 4 Tins Fish & Egg., 2 Boxes Dates.,
3 Tins Fish Cakes., 5 Tins Pato-de-foi., 26 Tins Veg & Tomato Soup., 1 Tin Crab Paste.,
19 Tins Meat Soup., 8 Tins Scotch Broth., 1 Tin Colory., 6 Tins Cod Paste., 1 Jar Paste.
1 Bottle Bector., 1 Bottle Gorkins., 3 Bottles Coffee., 104 Jars Piccalilli.,
5 Bottles Sauce., 1 Jar Cabbage., 21 Jars Chutney., 30 Jars Pickles., 54 Jars Onions.

INSPECTION OF PLACES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED.

Restaurant Kitchens :-

Including Licensed Premises where food is prepared, there are 13 in the Borough.

Fish Frying and Chip Potato Shops:-

There are 3 in the Borough, and these are regularly visited by the Sanitary Inspector, who reports favourable as to their condition and absence of nuisance.

Butcheries:-

11 premises were in use during the year. 21 visits were made during the year. 3 notices of repairs and lime-washing, etc., were served. The conditions generally were satisfactory.

